

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Councilmember Frate enjoyed meeting residents at a community event held at Kachina Elementary School on Jan 12th. There was plenty of information for parents and activities for the kids. A good time was had by all!

Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center Update. The Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center opened for business on September 30, 2006. During its first year of operation the center accommodated 224,938 visitors that included 182,856 visits to the recreation center and 42,082 visits to the aquatic center. The center also offered over 500 self enrichment classes. In addition, the Activity Room that is free to the general public has been heavily used by youth and adults during after-school, evening and weekend hours with approximately 36,000 visits during the past year.

The center was also honored by WESTMARC in receiving "2007 The Best of the West Award" for its outstanding contributions to the community.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center including amenities and rate information.

Super Bowl XLII In 11 Days! The city of Glendale is ready to welcome the world as Super Bowl XLII kicks off Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Get all the information you'll need on GlendalesGotGame.com. You'll find information on traffic restrictions, the NFL Experience, resident updates, visitor information, shortcuts to other useful game-related links and more on the site.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire. On the same weekend that Glendale will be hosting Super Bowl XLII, Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise on Feb. 1 and 2. The Chocolate Affaire is a great event for families, couples, chocoholics as well as out of town visitors, offering free admission and free parking!

Visitors will delight in the nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, discovering everything from chocolate-covered Belgian waffles to chocolate-banana egg rolls to goat-milk fudge. The Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta's. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend, and especially for the Super Bowl, they have created a 300-pound chocolate football!

The event will also feature romance novelists, activities for children, horse-drawn carriage rides and plenty of entertainment.

For more information on the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, [click here](#) or call the special events hotline at (623) 930-2299.

Applications due February 15 for Civic Education Classes. There are still spaces available in the spring Glendale University and HOA Academy classes.

Glendale University (GU)

This free educational program is open to Glendale residents who are 16 or older and want to learn more about the operations of municipal government. GU classes will be on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The course begins on March 3 and ends May 5, 2008. Each class highlights key functions of the city including, but not limited to finance, library, police and fire services.

Sahuaro District Spring Fling

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, February 16
Paseo Ball Fields

[Read more.](#)

Glendale Homeowner Association Training Academy

The eight session educational program is open to all Glendale Homeowners Association (HOA) board members and residents who want to learn more about the operations of HOAs. Graduates of the class will gain the tools needed to more effectively manage and lead their HOA.

Each class highlights a different topic. HOA classes will be on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning on March 6. (Four weeks, 8 sessions.)

For more information on dates and times, or to register for either training, visit www.glendaleaz.com/education and click on "Glendale

Around Town

Arizona-Sonora Bowl II. This family oriented event will feature an international youth football clinic and family fair, with NFL players signing autographs, leading up to pre-game entertainment. At 3 p.m., a youth football game will take place between the best players of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. This free event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Copper Canyon High School, 9126 W. Camelback Rd. [Read more.](#)

Jazz Jam. The Pam Morita Trio is leading jazz jam sessions in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month. The next session will be on Jan. 30. Young people as well as professional jazz musicians are invited to play together. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On Jan. 31, Axe Capoeira Arizona, a thrilling collaboration of the music, movement, art and language of the Afro-Brazilian culture will perform. [Read more.](#)

Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Come and enjoy antique engine displays and demonstrations, tractor pulls and a tractor parade at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic area Feb. 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The event will also feature food and beverages, as well as kids' rides for a nominal fee. For more information, call (623) 435-3955. Admission is \$5 for adults, and kids age 12 and under are free.

Celebrate Friendship at That Thursday Thing! Celebrate International Friendship Month with your best friend Feb. 21 in downtown Glendale for That Thursday Thing! from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy late night shopping and dining, and make a friendship bead bracelet from The Bead Museum. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up the beginning pieces of the bracelet along with a map listing all the locations to pick up the free beads. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500

Literally, tons of fun at Touch-a-Truck. The entire family will enjoy the 8th Annual Touch-a-Truck event! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage Feb. 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

It's a great opportunity to see, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks and the functions they serve. Bring your camera to get some fun snapshots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler! For more information on this free event, call (623) 930-2044.

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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